
Calvinism Comments in Griffin Daily News "Two-Cents"

09 Sep

- Crestview Baptist Church, the devil Calvinism is knocking on your door. Are you going to invite him in? Take a stand before he takes you down.

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- Are the Calvinists the ones walking around town with the sagging pants?
- Calvinism: The most pressing issue of Griffin, Ga., in 2010!

15 Sep

- What is up with all the pastors thinking it's their right to come into an already established church and change the theological doctrine that a church has already accepted and built upon? You slip in like some kind of slinky cat burglar, but, when it comes right down to it, all you are is a common thief, you steal the church, you steal the baby Christians and think it's OK. (*This is a reference to DaySpring.*)
- A large Baptist church in Griffin has lost 30 percent of its attendance in one month. The simplicity of the promise in John 3:16 was clear to each member of the church about a year ago. I pray that God will simplify this problem soon. (*This is a reference to 2nd Baptist.*)
- Do you know how the Father of Calvinism eliminated those who stood against him and what he taught? Let it be noted that the Calvinists of Geneva put half-green wood around the feet of Servetus and a wreath strewn with sulfur on his head. It took over 30 minutes to render him lifeless in such a fire, while the people of Geneva stood around to watch him suffer and slowly die.

20 Sep

- I'm glad to see more people finally speaking out on the false prophets called Calvinist (John 3:16).
- Calvinism is a theological doctrine based on a man named John Calvin and his interpretation of the Bible, basically he maintains that if you are not one of the "elect" God will not allow you to live with Him in eternity. Being one of the elect has nothing to do with how you live your life, and, it has nothing to do with accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior, it's all about God's sovereignty and what He chooses to do with you.
- I wonder why Arminians bother to pray if they believe man's free will is stronger than God's will?
- There have been a lot of strange things happening here lately, such as the spread of Calvinism, Zumba dancing at churches and womanless beauty pageants. It makes me wonder if Satan is working overtime in Griffin.
- If you believe the Calvinist theological doctrine you don't have to bother to pray, you don't even have to be a decent, God loving person, you will either be picked by God or you won't. God is Sovereign, there is no doubt about that, but, he has given us choices since the beginning of time, Gen. 2:9, two trees are mentioned, the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve had choices, they were told, "you shall not eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil", they CHOSE wrongly. Why would God not extend us free will to chose to accept or reject Him? John 3:16 says it all. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

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- I think that one of my neighbors might be a Calvinist. Is there a way I can report him to the authorities?

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- Calvinists should have to wear the letter "C" on their shirts, so that regular Christians know who they are and are not tricked into following their philosophy.
- Who is the nut case going on about Calvinism in The Griffin Daily News? I am sure the Presbyterians are getting tired of being insulted. I'm personally a stinking Papist. It is nice to hear somebody ranting about Protestant issues and leaving Catholics alone. P.S.: A stinking Papist is a Catholic. And now, you are smarter than you were five seconds ago.
- Thank you to the person who defined Calvinism so clearly. As to the person who thinks the County Commission can do away with it, you should realize that we have freedom of thought and freedom of religion in the good ole USA. Doing away with any religious thought would be like advocating Hitler's regime of intolerance.
- If we were to look 100 years into the future, will there still be a News of Yesteryear in the GDN (if newspapers are still around)? If so, folks in the year 2110 would see that this community cared about very important topics such as baggy pants, cross-dressing, Zumba and Calvinism.
- "Regular" Christians should know enough about what they believe to not be tricked into following any philosophy that goes against Scripture. John Calvin was just a man, as was Joseph Arminius. Jesus Christ is the ONE whose teachings we should adhere to. (from *dawnvaughn*)

27 Sep

- Anything that ends in "ism" is a bad thing. For instance, fascism, communism, socialism, liberalism, Calvinism, etc.
- Morality is what your parents and your love for God should have taught you, there is absolutely nothing wrong with being moral, it makes for a much better world, and if ones morality helps to restrict immorality, well, in my opinion, that's a good thing. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

28 Sep

- If the Calvinists come into Spalding County and take over our churches, maybe they will at least build a senior center for us.
- To the individual who thinks that anything that ends in "ism" is a bad thing, try looking up Arminianism. It's good to know that there are people like you out there holding down the left side of the normal distribution curve. For the first time in my life I understand why God let Darwin publish his works.
- To the person who thinks that anything that ends in "ism" is a bad thing. You forgot one, baptism. I have my shirt with a big red "C" on it. Guess you need to get your dunce cap. God knew we were going to write in to the paper. Hope he's having fun.

29 Sep

- To the person who wants to report his neighbor to authorities as a Calvinist. What do you think a Calvinist is? Let me tell you they believe in the entire Bible as the true word of God. Let me also remind you that this country was founded on freedom of religion, which is guaranteed by our Constitution. If this is the same person who wants to pass a law against Calvinists, you had better familiarize yourself with the Constitution of this country you live in. By the way, Calvinist is not synonymous with terrorist.
- John 3:16 is simple. Did you miss the part that says "Whoever believes"? The whoever does not include every single person on the earth, but only the "whoever" that believes. The "whoever" are the ones God enables as stated in John 6:44 and John 6:65. Get a grip.

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- I find it very suspicious that the people who always point out how bad "-isms" are always fail to mention conservatism. (from *trollnmotor*)
- Spoken like a true Calvinist, all your pretty rhetoric about Calvinists believing in the entire Bible sounds good, but, why don't you tell us what else you believe, that you believe in the TULIP, that you believe in the ELECT, that you believe in PREDESTINATION, that the only reason you do discipleship is because God commanded it, you could care less about bringing lost souls to God (remember, that's His job), your only purpose is to do what God commanded; doing what God commands, for a Calvinist, has nothing to do with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, dying on the cross, taking all our sin and our trespass - past, present and future upon Himself so that we might be precious and spotless in the sight of God, FORGIVEN. God sees us through His Son, Jesus Christ, our intercessor, our propitiation, we are perfect in His sight and as long as we love Him and ask Him to come into our hearts, we will be with Him in eternity. (from *Nadacalvinist*)
- and, by the way, Calvinism is a man's interpretation of the bible, so, anyone who follows the John Calvin's philosophy is part of a cult. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

30 Sep

- Calvinism is a philosophy, I like that much better than referring to it as a theological doctrine, makes more sense, since it's the study of what John Calvin believes the Bible says. Based on that, I think we could also call it a cult. (from *Nadacalvinist*)
- Many Griffin churches have started playing "Let's Make a Deal" with their faith. Believing in Calvinism, which means God has only a selected few that he will allow into heaven. I believe in "The Price is Right" – God paid the price and believing in him, I will have eternal life. I won't have to wait to see what's behind Door Number Two to know where I am going.

01 Oct

- In the September 2009 issue of Christianity Today the cover story is "John Calvin: Comeback Kid." The article quotes a study done earlier that year. From the article it says, "A few months ago, Time magazine published a story on the top ten forces that are currently changing the world. In addition to expected trends like the increasing role of the Internet and the global financial crisis, the renaissance of Calvinism in America came in as number three on the list."
- #3 on the list? The devil won't stop until it's the #1 cult. Sickening. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

02 Oct

- The issue of Calvinism has been a major topic in this column during the past few months. I have read comments from people that were based on the Bible, based on logic, and based on amusement. The real issues have rarely been discussed. People who have attended churches for decades, have served faithfully, and have even helped to build the church are being given a choice: change your beliefs or leave. People are grieving over the loss of friendships that were once closer than family relationships. People are hurting, and I believe this is the last thing God would want from us. I am no longer certain that the issue is Calvinism. I think people are more interested in proving they are right and someone else is wrong. I hope all of you who have hurt fellow Christians will make amends. God expects better of us. (from *simplybelieve*)

03 Oct

- The people accusing our local pastors of being Calvinist have done more damage to our churches with their rumors than any true Calvinist, or any other cult, could have ever hoped to do.
- I agree with the comment about the damage false accusations can cause in a church. The problem is that many of the pastors accused being of Calvinists are truly Calvinists. Signs of Calvinism include the desire to "purge" the church of unworthy or questioning members, the

strong push to use the ESV Bible, the use of elders to control the deacons, the refusal to discuss the issue of Calvinism in a conference, and numerous other subtle signs. What is causing the damage is the constant arguments and hostility toward fellow church members. We need to respect each other and the members that leave due their Biblical beliefs. We are driving people away from churches due to our lack of love and respect for each other. The arrogance portrayed by church members who believe they are totally correct in their changed beliefs is frightening. What ever happened to freedom of religion? (from *simplybelieve*)

04 Oct

- Interesting that you include Calvinism in your "any other cult", statement.

And no, it's not rumor, the deceitful Pastor's ARE the one's who have done the damage, if they were honest, open and up front about their intentions, we wouldn't be having this problem in our churches, they would have taken the Calvinist philosophy, started their own places of cult worship and left the God loving, God fearing churches alone. You go to the Pastors of the Baptist Churches that are having mass exodus (there are at least 5), and ask them what their theological doctrine is, if they don't admit that they are teaching the theological doctrine (really philosophical cult) of John Calvin they are lying, and trust me, some of them know how to lie. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

- Is it true that a local church is attempting to clear its membership of long time members who do not agree with any changes that lean toward Calvinism? My neighbor came home from church on Sunday and was very upset over comments that a deacon made about purging the church of people who did not agree. I was thinking about going back to church but won't after hearing this. Scary, isn't it? (from *simplybelieve*)

05 Oct

- All of the Pastors of Baptist Churches in the Flint River BAPTIST Association area take note, it may not be the Flint River BAPTIST Association anymore, it may very well be the Flint River CALVINIST Association, don't take my word for it, ask questions and decide for yourself, at the very least, one of the board members is of the Calvinist belief. You may want to find a better place to send your financial support.

Part of the Calvinist Pastor's game plan is to purge the membership of individuals who do not support his cult philosophy. Somewhere out in internet land, there is a "play book" if you will, of steps as to how Calvinists can reform a church. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

- Nadacalvanist – no one knows who you are on here, so I wish if there are 5 churches that are going through this junk you would list the names of the churches. Ive been wanting to get started back going, but I dont want to wander into one of these! (from *seesalot*)

06 Oct

- It seems like some folks in this community have forgotten that there is such a thing as freedom of religion. If someone wants to be a Calvinist or not be a Calvinist it's their business and their business only. And if these people who are bickering among themselves are completely honest, they would realize that every denomination is messed up in one way or another; none are perfect.
- I was in town visiting my mother recently. We always attend church. However, this Sunday she did not want to take me to church. She cried as she told me that the devil stands in the pulpit – the devil of Calvinism. Many have left the church, a few remaining are too afraid to speak out, and, sadly, a few have turned their backs on God and are supporting this devil.
- The problem with what is happening in our churches today is that these sneaky, slimy, arrogant men believe that they have a right to slip in to an already established church, misrepresent themselves to the congregation and when the ink on their contract is just barely dry, they throw off their shepherd's clothing and the wolf appears. Then he starts spewing the Calvinistic cultist rhetoric, trying to reform that already established church, he slowly,

methodically devours the spirit of the congregation causing them to leave, one member at a time, one family at a time, until the only congregational members left are his little clan of followers and some very immature, unaware Christians. A few mature Christians will stay as long as they can, but, it won't be long before they leave as well. These men are cold, calculating, unmerciful, ungracious, hard hearted men, there is no way they have a conscience, there is no way they have a sense of right and wrong, otherwise they wouldn't steal or hijack an already established church.

I know that there are some Pastors in Griffin who have decided to reform the churches they have been Pastoring for years, sort of in mid-stream, that isn't right either, if they have had some sort of divine revelation that they should start teaching Calvinism, they should profess that to the entire congregation, step down, and ask to be voted back in, but, they know they wouldn't be voted back in, they know they would lose that way of life, that paycheck. They are cowards and clearly don't have faith in God that He will provide for them if the congregation should not want to be to have him in their pulpit.

It makes me ill just thinking about it.

I find it very intriguing that there are two Baptist Churches in the Griffin area that are either teaching or going to teach a class on cults. I'm not sure, but I feel certain that religions such as Seventh Day Adventist, Mormons, Jehovah Witness and the like will be discussed. One church is doing this class for the right reason and Calvinism will most likely be mentioned, the other church won't dare bring up Calvinism, because the Pastor of that church hasn't yet got the intestinal fortitude to admit that he is one.

I would also like to point out that if you do attend a Mormon, Seventh Day Adventist or Jehovah Witness church, at least you would have the peace of knowing that, that is what you were going to be taught, unlike the Baptist churches in Griffin, you may be taught the Baptist theological doctrine or you may be taught the Calvinist cult philosophy. (from *Nadacalvinist*)

- I would like to address the comment regarding freedom of religion. While I believe in freedom of religion, I think the writer does not understand why people are upset. Prospective ministers (pastors) are making statements of faith to churches that promise their beliefs are in line with the Baptist doctrine and the church that hires them. After a few months, things begin to change very slowly until it reaches a point where it is clear that the minister is actually a Calvinist. This changes the church to the point that some people are asked to leave or feel they must leave. If someone is a Calvinist, he should start his own church instead of lying and altering a church to meet his beliefs and needs. It is basically an act of stealing from the people who hired the minister. (from *simplybelieve*)
- Seesalot and Nadacalvanist y'all forget about the churches that do not want you and come on down to New Beginnings Christian Church we want you and your christian beliefs. If you want to get together with a bunch of God fearing/ God Loving folks that study the Holy Bible and Love Jesus Christ then I urge you to attend. I feel the Holy Spirit everytime I attend. Pastor Tyson Roache is a great loving Pastor and would love to meet you. Come visit us Tonight or Sunday. And Sunday evening come one come all we are having a Taco Dinner after Church put together by our youth Ministry, even if you are not a member please come out and help us with the ability to build our own church building and get a good meal (and Cheap too) in the process. I will bet it is cheaper than Taco Bell and a whole lot better tasting too. New Beginnings is on North Expressway in the old Ace Rebecca Building please come out and worship OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST with us. (from *habadoo*)

07 Oct

- Coatings on dirt roads to keep the dirt down? Hold on a minute while I finish choking with laughter. I was getting bored with all the Calvinist cult rhetoric going on, I'm glad to see a new class of loony. By the way, guys, I hate to break it to you, but there is very little difference between a religious sect and a religious cult. Christianity would fall under the definition of cult when it first appeared on the scene. Baptists and Calvinists agree on a whole lot more than

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they disagree about. It's amazing that good Christians claim to do God's work, in God's house, on God's day, but when, by hook or by crook, they find out their new pastor (that they hired and likely voted on as a congregation) has a differing philosophy, they claim ownership of everything. Get out of my church, you filthy Calvinist! My tithes pay your salary! My church provides you with a parsonage to live in! You guys crack me up. (from *trollnmotor*)